Disposal of applications for renewal of grants-in-aid.

68. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that orders on applications for renewal of grants-in-aid under Section 147 of the *Education Code* are passed only after long delay; and

(*b*) that such long delay is causing very great hardship to the poor grant-in-aid school teachers?

MR K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government are aware that sometimes there is delay in the disposal of applications for renewal of grants; but, in view of the large number of such applications and of the fact that they have to be reported on by the Inspecting Officers after inspection of the schools before final orders can be passed by the sanctioning authority, a certain amount of delay in the disposal of applications and consequently in the disbursement of grant is unavoidable. However, when once the grant memos are issued, grants are regularly disbursed if the managers fulfil the conditions imposed in the memos sanctioning grants. Specific instances of delay in disbursing grant-in-aid will be enquired into if they are reported to the authorities. The question of minimising the delay in the matter is also being considered by the Director.

Admission to the S. M. T. School.

69. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received for admission in the Sri Mulam Technical School;

(*b*) the number admitted;

(*c*) the number of applications rejected;

(*d*) the qualifications prescribed for entrance into the school;

(*e*) the age-limit fixed for admission; and

(*f*) the other conditions for eligibility?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 253.

(*b*) 30.

(*c*) 223.

(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) Rule 13 of the Rules relating to the working and constitution of the school contains the information required. It * is laid on the table.

School Final Examination Results.

70. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which they issued the supplementary lists of passed students of the School Final Examination this year and the last year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The eligibility of holders of our English School Leaving Certificates to University courses of study is determined by the rules and directions issued by the University of Madras. These rules provide for the appointment of a Moderation Board by the Syndicate to consider what are known as

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